MY): (a) Except for kerosene, Paraffin wax and Bitumen, no quotas are fixed for allocation of other petroleum products to the States/UTs.

(b) Kerosene is allocated on the basis of sales in the previous year. The allocation of kerosene is made in three blocks of four months each, allowing a suitable growth rate over the allocation made for the corresponding period of the previous year.

Packed Bitumen allocations are made on the basis of demand from States/UTs, availability of the product and the annual target fixed for use of bitumen in bulk. The use of bulk bitumen is being encouraged by meeting the full demand of the State Central and UT Govts., irrespective of their annual allocation.

Paraffin wax is allocated on the basis of availability and previous year's allocation. Allocation is done on a quarterly basis.

Plans to handover Industrial Growth Centres to private sector

1226. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to handover the Industrial Growth Centres to the private sector; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the said plan?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Increase in AIDS cases

1227. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government are aware of the increase in AIDS cases in the country;

(b) how many cases were detected in different States during the last one year who were full blown patients; and

(c) what steps are contemplated to check such cases ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) Yes.

(b) 19 full blown AIDS cases had been detected in different States from 1-7-89 to 30-06-90.

(c) To prevent the spread of AIDS in the country, National AIDS Control Programme is being implemented which has three major components viz. Surveillance Health and Community Education and ensuring safety of blood and blood products.

Surveillance

41 surveillance centres have been established in different parts of the country with specific objective of screening persons belonging to high risk groups i.e. Prostitutes, Hetero-sexually promiacuous males, S.T.G. patients, blood donors, inmates of remand homes and foreigners. In addition 28 zonal blood testing centres linked with blood banks have been established in the four metropolitan cities for ensuring safety of blood.

Health and Community Education

Health education activities have been intensified to increase awareness among general public, youths and also students of schools and colleges.

Safety of blood and blood products:

Another important measure for the prevention of AIDS in the country is testing of blood donors for HIV infection by all the 45 surveillance centres.

To ensure safety of blood products, all the 9 units manufacturing blood products have been given necessary instructions.

For clinical management of AIDS cases facilities, have been/are being developed at 13 medical colleges/hospitals of the country including All India Institute of Medical Sciences.

Quantity and cost of crude oil and Petroleum Products imported

1228. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity and cost of crude oil and petroleum products imported during the last three years, yearwise;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government had set up an inter-ministerial working group to formulate action plan to contain the demand of oil and petroleum products in the country;

(c) whether the group has submitted its report and if so, what are the main findings thereof; and

(d) what action is being taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) The quantity and value of crude oil and petroleum products imported during the last three years are as under:

	1987-88		1988-89*		1989-90*	
	Qty. (MMT)	Value (Rs./ Crores)	Qty. (MMT)	Value (Rs./ (Crores)	Qty. (MMT)	Value (Rs./ (Crores)
Crude Oil . . .	17.73	2986	17.81	2863	19.49	4090
Petroleum Products .	3.95	979	6.26	1515	6.54	2228
TOTAL .	21.68	3965	24.07	4378	26.03	6318

*Provisional.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The Group has submitted its report recently which is under consideration of the Government.

Population Explosion in India

1229. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the 1990 world population report released by the United Nations Population Fund has predicted that India's population may hit 1.446 billion mark by year 2025 A.D. and may eventually surpass that of China;

(b) what are Government's own population projections as compared to that of the World Bank; and

(c) what are the plans to check this growing population?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI